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By filing this continuation, Applicants respectfully request that the §102(e) and §103 rejections of claims 21-30 be removed. According to MPEP 706.02(I)(1) and 35 U.S.C. 103, the Jost reference, commonly assigned to Micron Technology, Inc., is now disqualified as prior art since this application has been filed after November 29, 1999.

Claims 31-39 have been added. Examination on the merits of claims 21-39 is respectfully solicited.

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